

Weather Forecast

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature. Moderate northeast and east winds.

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Good Evening—

Remember when the judgment is weak the prejudice is strong.— Kane O'Hara.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

FIRST DAY OF FAIR INDICATES GREAT SUCCESS TO CROWN PROMOTER'S EFFORTS

Attendance First Day Ran Up 1,000 Paid Admissions

EVERYTHING NOW READY

Exhibits and Amusement Features Now in Place

The introductory day of the fair closed last night with a general feeling of satisfaction upon the part of the promoters of the affair, and a feeling upon the part of the patrons, all of whom found a wonderfully complete display in nearly all sections to the exhibit space.

The attendance was excellent. More than \$400 was taken at the gate last evening—which did not include season tickets. It was far in excess of what had been anticipated, and "first days" are usually sorry affairs at fairs. Very few of the exhibitors have goods in place when the opening hour arrives, as a general thing; but at the Palatka fair conditions were made very different by engaging to the full extent. Practically everything was in place, and there were thousands of words of praise given on every side.

In the main building the first booth on the right on entering is occupied by the schools of Crescent City, and following along on that side one comes to the schools of Hollister, Palatka, Interlachen, East Palatka and Palatka. The work displayed is wonderfully attractive, and the work in the grades is in every instance such that it elicits compliments from every caller. The Palatka school shows some first-class weaving by its children, and some coloring and needle cutting; all of which is of high quality. It would be difficult to do justice to these exhibits in less than an entire issue of The News, and the judges will have a difficult task to award the prizes, as there are many of great excellence. Then follows the woman's department, with the slogan: "Watch us grow." In this department will be seen some very ancient exhibits of quilts and needlework done years before those in charge of the booth were able to toddle about. There is, also, some splendid specimens of painted china, which is being shown by Miss "Billie" Sibert, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Sibert; besides a host of everything in the line of needlework which is wonderfully executed and is pleasing to the

BOY SCOUTS HANDLE THEIR SHARE TO MAKE THE FAIR SAFE AND SANE

The Boy Scouts are taking an active share in the work of making the first annual fair a Putnam a nice, clean-cut affair, and the part that they are undertaking is a worthy one. The Boy Scouts have a motto suggesting that a kindly act shall be done each day. This week they are doing an overtime job along that line, and they are holding themselves in readiness to take up any job which may be handed them and do it in as nice a way as is possible.

Without any hope of financial gain they are doing much at and about the fair grounds to make themselves useful. They are running of errands, looking after the parking of the automobiles, selling tickets for parking places, acting as substitutes in any place and at any time for anybody. They are answering questions as well as they are able and trying to make themselves a useful adjunct to the large band of willing workers over the grounds. Last evening one little fellow was stationed at a considerable distance from the grounds selling tickets for those who wished

to park their cars and feel assured that nothing would be missing from them when the evening was over. This little fellow was seeing nothing of what was going on in the grounds, but he did not have a word of complaint to offer. He was a sturdy fellow and stuck to his task in a manner that was worthy one much older.

The Girl Scouts are doing their bit toward securing a little ready money—whether for themselves or for the county fair management does not matter. They are busy, and they, too, are willing to act in a way that will give pleasure and comfort to someone.

Both these organizations are of worth to the city. The carrying out of the tenets of their pledges means the better-man, the better woman, in the years to come. They should be encouraged in every way possible, and should receive the kindly commendation of all with whom they come in contact. Both the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts are splendid bodies of young people, and will find themselves the better for the work in which they are engaged.

DEATH CALLS SIX IN LANGLEY FIELD PLANE COLLISION

Bomber Plane Collides With Fokker in Landing

(By Associated Press) Newport News, Dec. 6.—Two officers and four enlisted men were killed at Langley Field at ten o'clock this morning, when a Martin bomber plane collided with a Fokker while attempting to make a landing. The dead are Major Gearhart, Captain Doyle, Staff Surgeon Marick, Privates Blunka, Rolas and Jordan.

Chauffeurs Too Anxious to Get a Fare Says Smith

Chauffeurs have become so bold in Palatka that very often a passenger who leaves the train here finds himself in one car and his baggage in another, declared President Smith of council last night. "I have had so many complaints made on this score that I desire to bring it to the knowledge of council." Other aldermen said that complaints had also been made to them.

Mayor Steen explained the regulations supposed to be carried out at the station, and said that the proper instructions will be given the police. The News would also like to call the attention of the police to the practice of one or two chauffeurs who park their cars directly beside the tracks which the East Coast short uses in coming into the station. They have the distance gauged so accurately that any person wishing to leave the train had difficulty in coming down the steps without stepping into the automobile.

OLD IRELAND IS FREE AFTER MANY YEARS; SERVITUDE

King Signs the Historic Document Creating Free State

(By Associated Press) London, Dec. 6.—A historic privy council, held in Buckingham Palace this morning dealt chiefly with the establishment of Ireland as an independent commonwealth. King George signed a proclamation giving effect to the new Irish free state and also a proclamation appointing Timothy Healy as the first governor general of Ireland.

Becomes Own Boss at Last. Dublin, Dec. 6.—Ireland took its place among the world's commonwealths today when the provisional government parliament ceased functioning, and its place was taken by a permanent parliament and cabinet for the new free Irish state and the new government was formally proclaimed. Governor General Healy is expected to address both houses later in the week.

Council Plans to Open Auto Camp If It's Feasible

Alderman Pierce brought up the matter of a municipal auto camp ground at last night's session of the council, and after much discussion it was decided to ask the fair association for permission to use the fair grounds for this purpose. Some objection was offered on account of a fire hazard, but it was pointed out that there will be much greater danger from passing tramps who will stop in for the night and leave a fire without care or regard for the safety of the property.

A committee composed of Aldermen Pierce, Crane and Waits was appointed to confer with the fair authorities.

IMPORTANT MEETING POSTPONED FOR FAIR

Because of the many attractions at the county fair the especially important meeting of the Rod and Gun Club which was to have been held this evening has been postponed. Due and timely notice will be given of the date when the next session of the club will convene.

and treasurer. Monthly meetings will be held at which special programs will be arranged. An oyster supper was served last night and an enjoyable evening was spent.

COLD WAVE STILL HAS NORTHWEST IN ITS GRIP

Low Temperatures Are Expected in South Tonight

FLORIDA STILL WARM

No Prediction of Any Unseasonable Weather Here

(By Associated Press) Chicago, Dec. 6.—Still holding the northwest in a chilling grip of sub-zero temperatures, winter continued its belated advance today into the southland, causing marked drops in temperature as far south as Texas and calling forth predictions of colder weather in the lake region, the great central valleys and the east gulf states.

In the upper lake region, the zero and sub-zero weather was accompanied by a 60-mile wind driving before it a snowstorm.

Reports indicated that the cold wave still centered in North Dakota and Montana. Havre, Mont., and Williston, N. D., recorded the coldest temperatures in the country last night, the mercury going past 6 below zero.

While the east did not suffer from the unusual cold prevalent in the northwest, it nevertheless felt a severe windstorm that swept over the Lake Oneida region. Temperatures in the eastern states ranged from 25 to 70 degrees above zero.

Texas Freezing Up. Real summer weather in Dallas, Texas, early today gave way to the first threat of winter. The change was general throughout Texas. The cold wave still obtained in the northern portion of the Rocky mountain region with a prediction of rain or snow and cooler weather supplanting the mild weather that has prevailed in the southern Rocky mountain region for the past few days.

New Orleans and Louisiana today awaited the predicted arrival of the cold wave, expected to cause the thermometer to capitulate from 80 degrees, yesterday's high mark, to 55 or 60 degrees. Georgia also was forecast to be visited by the cold wave with a resultant drop in temperature to below freezing.

Temperatures along the Pacific states early today ranged from 20 to 58 degrees, the east central states showed variations from 14 to 50 degrees above, the gulf states reported temperatures from 54 to 74 degrees, and readings in the west central states ranged from 4 degrees below zero at Devil's Lake, Wis., to 36 degrees above at Dodge City, Kans.

Snow on Ground. Three inches of snow was on the ground at Seattle, Wash., today, as a result of a storm which began Sunday over western Washington, was halted by rain, and was resumed yesterday with vigor.

On Gray's Harbor six inches of snow was reported, and it was feared that logging camps would have to close. A gale of 60 miles was reported from Cape Flattery, Wash., where the Straits of Juan De Fuca enters the Pacific ocean. Prediction was for more snow in western Washington.

Heavy snow fall was reported from all parts of the state of Oregon yesterday.

Reach South Tonight. Atlanta, Dec. 6.—The cold wave now sweeping the west is expected to arrive in this section of the south

COUNCIL FIXES TEN MILLS TAX ON NEW ASSESSMENT AMOUNTING TO \$6,870,000

Condensed News for Busy People

A Summary of the Day's News

Dublin — Eamon de Valera in a proclamation enjoined citizens of the "republic" to refuse to pay income taxes and other dues to the provisional government.

Berlin — Jacquin D. Margerie, in presenting his credentials to President Ebert, said the desire of the president of France was to attain political and economic aims calculated to insure the stability of Europe.

Mexico City — One hundred and seventy-eight Chinese charged with rebellious activities at Sinaloa, were imprisoned at Mazatlan, after being ordered deported.

Riga — The Russian soviet government has confiscated three steamers of the Italian Lloyd Triestino company, it was learned.

Washington — Resolutions favoring civil service appointment of federal prohibition agents were passed by a board of Methodist Episcopal church.

Buenos Aires — The Brazilian government invited Chile and Argentina to attend a disarmament conference at Valparaiso, Chile, January 15, as a preliminary to the Pan-American congress.

El Paso, Texas — Lieutenant Colonel Bauman Palla, who was sentenced in connection with events following the kidnapping of A. Bruce Bielaski, has escaped to the United States and was seen at a hotel here.

New York — A Carillon of 42 bells, said to be larger than any in this country, has been ordered by John D. Rockefeller as a gift to a New York Baptist church.

Washington — The Kingdom of Siam lost a suit for \$5,000 damages against a Washington woman whose automobile collided with the electric motor car of the Same minister.

Chicago — Commander Evangeline Booth of the Salvation Army, will not be immediately removed from the United States, it was announced.

Washington — Attorney General Daugherty has been asked by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace for a formal opinion as to the legality of the proposed merger of two of the "big five" meat packing concerns.

Louisville, Ky. — Jock Malone, St. Paul, won a newspaper decision over Bryan Downey in a 12-round bout. The men are middleweights.

New York — Lias Firpo, South American heavyweight, said he would return to the United States soon, Tex Rickard announced.

ENTENTE PLANS COMMISSION FOR THE DARDANELLES

Plan Is Announced at Lausanne Conference By Lord Curzon

Lausanne, Dec. 6.—The entente plan for keeping open the straits of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus in time of peace and war provides for the appointment of an international commission of control composed of the great powers, including the United States, as well as Turkey and the countries bordering on the Black Sea.

Lord Curzon, of Great Britain, in the name of the allies, presented the details of his comprehensive project to the near east conference today.

tonight, according to a report issued by the local meteorologist. A "few" degrees below freezing for a short period is expected by the weather bureau. Moderate temperature has

WHEREABOUTS OF ESCAPED WOMAN PROBLEMATIC

Think "Hammer" Murderer Stepped Over to Mexico

TIPS FOUND FRUITLESS

Husband of Woman Yet Held Under Close Guard

(By Associated Press) Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—Search for Mrs. Clara Phillips, convicted of beating Mrs. Alberta Tremaine Meadows to death with a hammer and who escaped early yesterday from the Los Angeles county jail, was in active progress today throughout Southern California, the Mexican state.

Despite various other "tips" and "clues," sheriff's deputies generally held to the original belief that the "hammer murderer" had fled across the border into Mexico and plans were made to extend the search today for her as far south as Ensenada, on the west coast of Lower California peninsula, about nine miles south of San Diego, Cal.

Meantime the border between the Californians from Tijuana, near San Diego, to the Arizona line, and especially at Calexico, Cal., and its Lower California neighbor, Mexicali, was being closely watched.

Armour Lee Phillips, the convicted woman's husband, upon whose story of his movements the 24 hours preceding his wife's escape, "some doubt" has been cast, according to sheriff's deputies, still was in technical custody early today.

Although not placed in jail, he was in charge of Frank Dewar, a deputy sheriff, with whom he slept and with whom he was to take his meals "until further notice," it was said.

The exact whereabouts of Mrs. Peggy Caffee, former chum of Mrs. Phillips when they were members of chorus of the same musical comedy company and later star witness for the state at Mrs. Phillips' trial, was unknown to the authorities early today. They said they were interested in learning where she was merely because they wanted to be assured of her safety.

This promise was not kept, however, according to the officers, but they expressed no fear for her safety. Since the escape, the sheriff's office and the police have received many reports that Mrs. Phillips had been seen in various places. One of the latest rumors, which at first was regarded with extreme hope by Sheriff William T. Tregor, came in a telephone call from Long Beach.

It was from a man who withheld his name, but gave what he said was the street number of a house where he said Mrs. Phillips was in hiding. A posse headed by the sheriff rushed to Long Beach, only to find there was no such address.

Relatives of Mrs. Phillips expressed surprise when informed of her escape which, it was reported, was planned during a telephone conversation Monday afternoon, when she was permitted to use a direct line from the jail without interference from the authorities.

Later that night, it was declared, she feigned illness to assure herself as much privacy as possible in filing through the bars of her cell window with files smuggled to her in some way. Mrs. Phillips occupied a cell adjoining that of Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, with whom she is said to have become more or less intimate. Mrs. Obenchain was released from the jail Monday after the indictment charging her and Arthur C. Burch, of Evanston, Ill., with the murder of her former sweetheart, J. Belton Kennedy, had been dismissed.

prevailed in this section for the last seven days.

Finance Committee Had Made Up Budget Based on Nine Mills

LEFT SOME ITEMS OUT

Practically No Change in Amount of Taxes to Be Paid

After two hours debate council last night fixed the tax millage for 1923 at ten mills on an assessed valuation of \$6,870,000. A budget, based on this millage was adopted. The budget submitted by the finance committee called for nine mills assessment, but during the debate it developed that many items had been overlooked, and the budget itself had not until this morning been filled out as to various items, the year in which the budget is operative being left blank, as well as the assessed valuations on real estate, personal property and public utilities, nor does the total valuation appear anywhere in the budget, although it was understood from the verbal statement of Mr. Waits, of the finance committee, that he valuation as finally agreed upon was the figure quoted above.

After the budget submitted by the committee had been read and a motion made for its adoption Alderman Pierce offered and objection, saying that he was not prepared to vote intelligently on the document, and didn't believe any other member of council was. He thought it better to give each councilman a copy of the document and let him be prepared at the next meeting to vote intelligently. Alderman Johnson also favored this plan, but Mr. Waits and Mr. Parsley urged immediate action on the grounds that the city is badly in need of money and that none can be collected until the millage is fixed and a budget adopted. The logic of this argument appealed to the board and it was finally decided to take up the budget item by item. (Continued on Page 2.)

MERCHANTS ASKED TO CLOSE STORES FOR FARMERS' DAY

Thursday Afternoon to See Fine Program at Fairgrounds

Agreements are being signed today with the business men of the city by which all mercantile establishments will close on Friday at 2:30 in the afternoon in order to allow all connected with the firms an opportunity to attend the county fair by daylight.

Thursday has been advertised as "Farmers' day," and a special program has been arranged for the afternoon. The principal speaker of the day is J. L. Sheppard, of Pomona, president of the Farmers' union, and it is expected that local talent will also address the gathering. At 2:30 there will be an entertaining band concert by the musical aggregation of the Jones Carnival, and in the evening there will be concert given by the Palatka band.

The plan of making Farmers' day a special feature of the fair is one that is most deserving, and full co-operation should be extended the management in this work.

Conferring at Daytona Over Mosquito Pest

Daytona, Florida, Dec. 6.—A state wide anti-mosquito conference commenced here today and will be continued through tomorrow.

Representatives of the federal department of agriculture, a state public health officer, and state county and municipal officials in attendance.

